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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 17, 2017

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**Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM**

**Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:30PM or
by appointment**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30AM - 1:00PM

WELCOME TO ST. MARYS! If you would like to embrace
our parish family please give Fr. Tim or Amy a call at the
office @624-2228.

Homebound: If you would like Communion brought to
your home, please contact the office @ 624-2228 between
8am and 1pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 7am until noon.
Monday nights from 6pm to 10pm.

Sickness: Please notify the pastor 624-2228 when
someone is ill or has been hospitalized. Sacrament of
Anointing is available.

Marriage: A minimum of 6 months is necessary for
marriage preparation. Please contact the pastor.

Baptism: Parents must be registered members of the
parish. Baptism instructions are required, ideally before the
child is born. Please call 624-2228 to register.

Expecting a New Arrival??? Please call the church office
at 624-2228 when your baby arrives, so we can arrange
meals to be delivered when it is convenient for your family.

Child Abuse: To report child sexual abuse, contact the
Iowa Department of Human Services' Child Abuse hotline
at (800)262-2178. If the abuse involves clergy or church
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Alicia Owens, anytime at (563)349-5002; by email at
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Bettendorf, IA 52722.

Hoping and Healing in the Aftermath

These past few weeks, the United States has been battered by events of cataclysmic proportions. Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and the Equifax data breach have shoved political headlines out of the limelight.

For those of us without connections to the South, the events could seem distant, and beyond the sphere of immediate concern. For residents, however, the aftermath can stretch far into the future.

If we're not careful, this Sunday's readings can likewise be received as a distant armchair witness. The first reading and Gospel are clear in their call to forgive and to expunge emotional debts.


But sometimes wrongs hit with gale-force winds. Sometimes the sins of others uproot our sense of self or our perspective of the world. Sometimes our better selves are flooded out by hurt and shame. When we're on the receiving end of a cataclysmic fault, something is different. The call to forgive and move on can feel overwhelming. For those in the aftermath of hurricane-force sin, the recovery process is not easy. Forgiveness takes time.

Some of us are near indeed to those affected by life-altering flooding. Others of us feel the effects only through our common humanity. But it is very likely that we are all near to someone brokenhearted. Perhaps it's us.


Whatever our storm, Jesus' invitation is not an easy one. His call to forgive *seventy-seven* times is, on the one hand, classic Jewish hyperbole to convey a point. Seven is a number associated with perfection and God himself. On the other hand, it's very practical advice. Disaster recovery efforts lay one brick at a time. For those of us in the aftermath of a spiritual or emotional storm, this process too proceeds gradually, with one act of forgiveness after another.

The Sunday readings also remind us that we are not alone. After a natural disaster, relief funds and generous donors quickly send millions of dollars to the affected areas. The second reading puts it this way: "We are the Lord's." We do not belong to the devastated state that the sins of others seem to have left us in. We belong to God.

This week, let us recall that sin and destruction do not have the last say! Jesus weeps over our wounds and he doesn't abandon us to our tragedies. The Father's love is superabundant. Like a storm-battered city, we can receive his aid. We can allow the Holy Spirit to allocate the grace where we need it the most so healing can begin. *-Anna Carter*




The **Annual Diocesan Appeal** continues. This is your opportunity to assist the Diocese in its ministry work. **There are still families and individuals who have not paid on their pledge.** We need to make our goal of \$66,302.00. When our goal is met, 100% of the overage amount is returned to the parish. \$68,826.00 has been pledged with \$65,030.00 in payments received as of 08/31/2017. **Please, send your pledge payment directly to the Diocese.** - Fr. Tim



We Need You! Do you enjoy being around little ones? Two parish ministries, serving young families, could use your help every couple of months:

Little Lamb Nursery

Sundays during the 10:30 Mass, childcare is provided for 0-4 year olds. Contact Megan at: laingmeg@gmail.com



Baptism Classes: Parents must be members of the parish to have their children baptized. Parents baptizing their first child **are** required to attend all three classes. Classes are from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00pm. Please register the Friday before the first session. Fall Session: October 10, 24, & November 14.

Attention Married Couples: "God reveals Himself through the Love of a couple." Attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Upcoming Dates: October 27-29 @ Cedar Falls, November 10-12 @Iowa City. For information and to register, go to iowa-wwme.org, call 563-608-3305, or email: JLJwwme08@gmail.com

Football Season is upon us! If anyone has extra or unused Hawkeye Football Tickets, I would be interested in attending a home game! *-Father Tim*

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	18	8:00 am	Thomas Nicknish
Tues.	19	12:10 pm	Word & Communion
Wed.	20	8:00 am	Deloris Steinbrech
Thurs.	21	9:30 am	CC Clara Herman
Fri.	22	7:00 am	Word & Adoration
Sat.	23	5:00 pm	Bill Matthes
Sun.	24	8:30 am	Norbert & Geraldine Schwartz
Sun	24	10:30 am	For the Parish

LITURGICAL/MINISTRY CALENDAR	
Saturday, September 23, 5:00 p.m. Mass	
Cantor	Small Group
Musician	C. Brock
Servers	R. Geistkemper, S. Melloy L. Swann
Lectors	W. Ahern 1, J. Kaefring 2
Eucharistic Ministers	S. Ahern, M. Milder, J.E. Ritchie
Greeters	R. Meehan, L. Milder
Ushers	D. Barta, J. Coady, D. Ritchie
Sacristan	L. Croy
Sunday, September 24, 8:30 a.m. Mass	
Cantor	A. Holubar
Musician	P. Cummings
Servers	I. Frees, G. Helle, R. Helle
Lectors	J. Gleason 1, R. Upmeyer 2
Eucharistic Ministers	S. Holte, N. Upmeyer, T. Zeller
Greeters	B. Noska, T. Stout
Ushers	C. Gleason, B. Koffron, V. Schnor
Sacristan	S. Schnor
HBC	Nick, Theresa M.
Sunday, September 24, 10:30 a.m. Mass	
Cantor	N. Wander
Musician	M. Hennes
Servers	D. Bruck, B. Duckett, E. Schadler
Lectors	M. Christensen 1, C. Reyhons 2
Eucharistic Ministers	D. Bruck, C. Bruck, M. Montgomery
Greeters	M. Pattison, J. Schadler
Ushers	Daniel Erenberger, Mary Elizabeth Erenberger
Sacristan	Dennis Erenberger T. Brown

Weekly Collection - September 9/10	
Offertory	\$7,608.00
Building Fund	\$ 170.00
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Money Counters 9/25 -	
John, Phyllis, Helen, Jim	

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 18

8:00 am **Mass**

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Adoration**

8:00 pm - Pray the Rosary

Tuesday, September 19

11:00 am No Sisters Group**Change**

11:45 am Pray the Rosary

12:10 pm Word & Communion,
Potluck lunch to follow

6:30 pm RCIA

Wednesday, September 20

8:00 am **Mass**

6:30 pm Youth

6:30 pm 8th Grade Parent Meeting

Thursday, September 21

9:30 am **Mass** at CC

7:00 pm GriefShare

Friday, September 22

7:00 am to Noon **Adoration**

Saturday, September 23

6:30 am Fishers of Men

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm **Mass**

Sunday, September 24

7:00 am Fishers of Men

8:30 am **Mass**

10:30 am **Mass** (Baptism, after Mass)

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 24

5:00 pm—6:30 pm Kick-Off Rally for 40 Days for Life. Meet at Emma Goldman Center @ 5pm for brief prayer service and then join us for Taco Dinner at St. Mary's-Iowa City Parish Hall

Sunday, October 1

11:00 am-1:30pm Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 15

9:30 am-12:30 pm Influenza Clinic - Parish Library

Youth Choir Schedule:

Awaken (5-8 grade)

Oct. 22nd at 10:30am Mass

Rehearse at 9:30am

Oceans (9-12 grade)

Oct. 15th @ 10:30am Mass

Rehearse at 9:30am

2017 Harvest Festival Schedule

September 30

5:00 p.m. Mass

6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Food and music by Johnson Grove

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Corn hole social – anyone can play

October 1

8:30 a.m. Mass


10:30 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Harvest Festival Meal – Baked Chicken, Smoked Pork, homemade salads and deserts

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Games, Bidding barn, Country store

12:30 p.m. Live auction

1:00 p.m. Raffle - 2 pair season tickets for Iowa men's basketball with parking passes, \$500 cash and one Tasty Iowa Hog.




St. Mary Harvest Festival - October 1, 2017

Our 2017 Harvest Festival is fast approaching and it is time again to share your time and talents with the parish. The **Bidding Barn** provides a variety of items to bid on during the Harvest Festival. You can help by donating items and/or services and gift cards for the Bidding Barn. Popular items in the past have included tickets to sporting events, handcrafted furniture, antiques, guided trips, pontoon rides on Lake MacBride, themed baskets, and a wide variety of goods and services. Think about using your talents and creativity to provide some unique items to donate this fall. All money raised goes back to the parish and our youth groups. Donation forms can be found in the gathering space.


We are asking all donation forms be delivered to the Parish office by **Wednesday, September 27th**. Please be descriptive when completing the forms as it helps when filling out the forms for bidding and getting the items for auction organized. If you have any questions, please contact **Pat Zimmerman at 337-8296**.

The **Country Store** is always full of wonderful bakery items, relishes, pickles, jams, jellies, and fall produce. Keep us in mind again this summer as you harvest and preserve your bounty. If you are a crafter we look forward to showcasing your unique and creative items. Thanks to the extraordinary bakers in our parish we can't wait for those kolaches, cinnamon rolls, cookies, candy, cakes and pies.


Contact **Judy Meier at 319-330-7840** if you have questions or would like to help chair the Country Store. See you at the Country Store October 1st.



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Junior High Youth Rally
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Join our new Bishop Thomas at Regina on **October 15**, from **9:30am - 5:00pm** for the diocese's Junior High Youth Rally. The cost is \$30/ youth. Contact Julie Agne for more information: julie@solonstmary.org

40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign

Sept. 27 - Nov. 5 our community will join hundreds of cities around the world to pray for peace in the womb, and for God's mercy on mothers and fathers who need His love and healing. For more details, visit www.40daysforlife.com/iowacity